



HOUSE BILL 229: Stagger/Extend Terms of Town Officers/Halifax.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 229 would amend the Charter for the Town of Halifax to change the terms of the Mayor and the members of the Board of Commissioners to staggered four-year terms.*

CURRENT LAW: The Town of Halifax consists of a mayor and five commissioners, serving two-year terms. G.S. 163-292. Municipal elections are conducted in odd-numbered years using the nonpartisan plurality method. All current terms of office end in 2023.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 229 would amend the Charter for the Town of Halifax to change the terms of the Mayor and the members of the Board of Commissioners to staggered four-year terms. To implement this change, in 2023 the Mayor and the two commissioners receiving the highest number of votes would be elected to serve four-year terms and the three commissioners receiving the next highest number of votes would be elected to serve two-year terms, with elections for four-year terms resuming in 2025.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.

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